

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

Florida's 47,500 **commercial farms**, utilizing 9.25 million **acres**, continue to produce a wide variety of safe and dependable food products. From the **citrus groves** and the **nurseries** in central and southern Florida, to the **vegetables** in various regions around the State, to the **cattle and calves** throughout the State, these farms provide Florida with a large and stable economic base.

In 2009 Florida ranked:

✓ 1<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. in the value of production of **oranges, grapefruit, and sugarcane for sugar and seed.**<sup>1/</sup>

✓ 1<sup>st</sup> in value of production of: **fresh market snap beans, fresh market tomatoes, cucumbers for fresh market, squash, watermelons** and **sweet corn**.

✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> in value of production of **tangerines, strawberries, bell peppers, and cucumbers for pickles**.

✓ 4<sup>th</sup> in value of production of **honey**.

In 2009, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

**63** percent of the total U.S. value for **oranges** (\$1.4 billion)

**55** percent of the total U.S. value for **grapefruit** (\$153 million)

**43** percent of the total U.S. value **snap beans** (\$113 million)

**16** percent of the total U.S. value for **tangerines** (\$171 million)

**49** percent of the total U.S. value for **sugarcane for sugar and seed** (\$399 million)<sup>1/</sup>

**40** percent of the total U.S. value for **fresh market tomatoes** (\$520 million)

**36** percent of the total U.S. value for **bell peppers** (\$199 million)

**36** percent of the total U.S. value for **cucumbers for fresh market** (\$79 million)

**29** percent of the total U.S. value for **watermelons** (\$136 million)

**27** percent of the total U.S. value for **sweet corn** (\$227 million)

The total cash receipts for **nursery and greenhouse** products in Florida were just over \$1.9 billion in 2008.

**Livestock and products** in 2009 produced sales of \$1.1 billion, with \$375 million coming from sales of **dairy products** and \$350 million coming from sales of **meat animals**. **Poultry farms** generated \$268 million in sales, with \$115 million coming from **broilers** and \$153 million coming from **eggs**. On January 1, 2010 there were 1.72 million **head of cattle** on farms and ranches in Florida, including 958,000 head of **beef cows** and 112,000 head of **milk cows**. Florida ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the number of **chickens** on farms in 2009, Florida's poultry farmers maintained an average of 9.8 million **layers** in 2009 (producing 2.7 billion **eggs**) and produced 42.0 million **broilers**.

Florida growers harvested **vegetables for fresh market** from 183,100 acres in 2009, with sales exceeding \$1.3 billion.

Florida citrus growers in 2008-2009 produced 162.4 million boxes of **oranges** (96 percent of which were used for **orange juice**) and 21.7 million boxes of **grapefruit** (57 percent of which were used for **grapefruit juice**).

<sup>1/</sup> Data for 2008, the latest year available.

## FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS – 2008

The Economic Research Service, USDA, reports that receipts from Florida agricultural products in 2008 amounted to \$7.98 billion. This is a slight increase from the previous year, with revised cash receipts for 2007 totaling \$7.94 billion. Cash receipts from all crops increased slightly from 2007, while cash receipts from all livestock and livestock products were slightly above last year.

Receipts from all crops accounted for 82.6 percent of all cash receipts. As in previous years, the leading crop commodities were oranges (16.8 percent of all cash receipts), foliage and floriculture (11.6 percent), tomatoes (7.8 percent), and sugarcane (5.5 percent). The leading livestock commodities were cattle and calves (5.1 percent of all cash receipts), milk (5.8 percent), and chicken eggs (2.9 percent).

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2008	Percent of total <sup>1/</sup>
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
<b>All Commodities</b>	<b>7,978,081</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>All Crops</b>	6,593,081	82.64
<b>Citrus</b>	1,623,975	20.36
Grapefruit	225,564	2.83
Oranges	1,340,655	16.80
Tangelos	5,334	0.07
Tangerines	52,422	0.66
<b>Other Fruits and Nuts</b>	345,102	4.33
Avocados	12,881	0.16
Pecans	3,130	0.04
Blueberries	51,940	0.65
Strawberries	249,366	3.13
Other	27,785	0.35
<b>Vegetables and Melons</b>	1,956,028	24.52
Cabbage	46,305	0.58
Cucumbers	125,303	1.57
Green Peppers	267,411	3.35
Potatoes	129,740	1.63
Snap Beans, Fresh	172,050	2.16
Squash	52,788	0.66
Sweet Corn	156,704	1.96
Tomatoes	622,251	7.80
Watermelons	140,392	1.76
Other	243,083	3.05

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2008	Percent of total <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Field Crops</b>	683,807	8.57
Corn	14,786	0.19
Cotton, Cottonseed	42,097	0.53
Hay	52,475	0.66
Peanuts	88,256	1.11
Soybeans	7,535	0.09
Sugarcane	442,166	5.54
Wheat	5,352	0.07
Other	31,140	0.39
<b>Foliage and Floriculture</b>	921,650	11.55
<b>Other Crops and Products</b> <sup>2/</sup>	1,062,520	13.32
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	1,385,000	17.36
<b>Milk</b>	464,204	5.82
<b>Cattle and Calves</b>	405,125	5.08
<b>Poultry and Eggs</b>	407,168	5.10
Broilers	169,380	2.12
Chicken Eggs	234,515	2.94
Other Poultry	3,273	0.04
<b>Aquaculture</b>	61,951	0.78
<b>Miscellaneous Livestock</b>	46,552	0.58
Hogs	3,226	0.04
Honey	15,405	0.19
Other Livestock & Products	27,924	0.35

<sup>1/</sup> 2008 preliminary. Percents for individual commodities may not add to totals in some groups because of rounding.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes mushrooms, sod, ornamental shrubs and trees and aquatic plants. Excludes forestry products.

**FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS**  
By Commodity Group and Year

Year	Crops	Livestock	Total cash receipts
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1960	516,927	209,925	771,852
1970	916,291	403,604	1,319,895
1971	1,042,078	416,029	1,478,107
1972	1,219,359	468,397	1,687,756
1973	1,442,362	605,103	2,047,465
1974	1,601,213	544,200	2,145,413
1975	1,879,670	623,905	2,503,575
1976	1,901,292	672,709	2,574,001
1977	2,018,719	742,598	2,761,317
1978	2,579,409	849,213	3,428,622
1979	2,845,812	1,001,876	3,487,688
1980	3,103,833	978,525	4,082,358
1981	3,231,728	1,026,286	4,258,014
1982	3,326,155	1,020,062	4,346,217
1983	3,546,915	1,081,535	4,628,450
1984	3,638,231	1,098,092	4,736,323
1985	3,762,770	1,030,336	4,793,106
1986	3,747,156	1,030,336	4,777,492
1987	4,207,362	1,100,854	5,308,216
1988	4,688,987	1,146,040	5,835,027
1989	5,021,374	1,218,705	6,240,079
1990	4,438,082	1,258,961	5,697,043
1991	4,972,810	1,171,626	6,144,436
1992	4,956,706	1,263,874	6,220,580
1993	4,824,757	1,310,232	6,134,989
1994	4,815,127	1,296,603	6,111,730
1995	4,841,471	1,238,378	6,079,849
1996	5,100,235	1,312,154	6,412,389
1997	5,238,267	1,385,551	6,623,818
1998	5,689,172	1,390,238	7,079,410
1999	5,311,395	1,347,573	6,658,968
2000	5,470,458	1,315,908	6,786,366
2001	5,236,151	1,389,601	6,625,752
2002	5,157,002	1,239,055	6,396,057
2003	5,374,178	1,240,273	6,614,451
2004	5,315,049	1,469,412	6,784,461
2005	6,028,520	1,420,758	7,449,278
2006	5,994,267	1,321,940	7,316,207
2007	6,558,577	1,382,297	7,940,874
2008	6,593,081	1,385,000	7,978,081

## UNITED STATES TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2008

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	36,186,735	11.2
2	Iowa	24,752,867	7.6
3	Texas	19,172,500	5.9
4	Nebraska	17,315,688	5.3
5	Illinois	16,356,790	5.0
6	Minnesota	15,838,094	4.9
7	Kansas	13,967,496	4.3
8	Indiana	9,961,850	3.1
9	Wisconsin	9,885,567	3.0
10	North Carolina	9,752,796	3.0
16	<b>Florida</b>	<b>7,978,081</b>	<b>2.5</b>
	U.S. Total	324,186,533	100.0

## UNITED STATES VEGETABLE CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2008

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	7,522,415	36.8
2	<b>Florida</b>	<b>1,956,028</b>	<b>9.6</b>
3	Washington	1,231,366	6.0
4	Idaho	919,303	4.5
5	Arizona	782,048	3.8
6	New York	649,261	3.2
7	North Dakota	610,272	3.0
8	Georgia	575,058	2.8
9	Wisconsin	571,797	2.8
10	Michigan	563,310	2.8
	U.S. Total	20,420,829	100.0

## UNITED STATES CROP CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2008

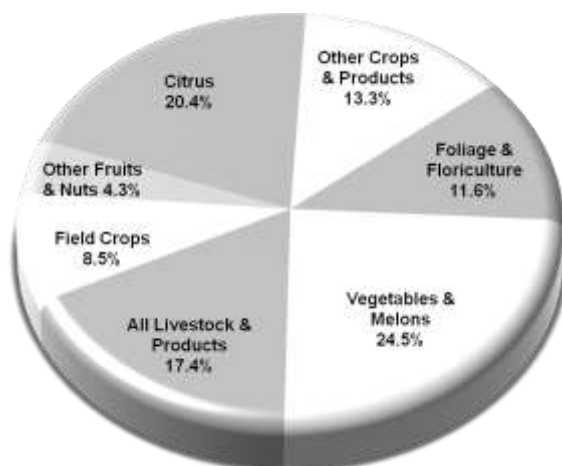
Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	25,554,459	14.0
2	Iowa	14,885,137	8.1
3	Illinois	14,232,028	7.8
4	Minnesota	9,751,525	5.3
5	Nebraska	8,995,559	4.9
6	Texas	8,141,946	4.4
7	Indiana	7,105,354	3.9
8	Kansas	6,754,710	3.7
9	North Dakota	6,717,004	3.7
10	<b>Florida</b>	<b>6,593,081</b>	<b>3.6</b>
	U.S. Total	183,096,155	100.0

## FLORIDA LEADING CASH RECEIPTS

By commodity, 2008

Commodity	Florida receipts	U.S. receipts	Florida percent of U.S.	Florida national Ranking
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Greenhouse/Nursery	1,931,750	16,096,699	12.0	2
Oranges	1,340,655	1,969,204	68.1	1
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	622,251	2,373,718	26.2	2
Dairy Products	464,204	34,772,735	1.3	17
Sugarcane	442,166	850,118	52.0	1
Cattle/Calves	405,125	48,189,205	0.8	25
Peppers, Bell	267,411	672,325	39.8	2
Strawberries	249,366	1,885,259	13.2	2
Eggs	234,515	8,225,507	2.9	12
Grapefruit	225,564	307,715	73.3	1
Snap Beans (Fresh Market)	172,050	509,144	34.3	1
Broilers	169,380	23,112,184	0.7	15
Sweet Corn	156,704	1,093,127	14.3	1
Watermelons	140,392	492,446	28.5	1
Potatoes	129,740	3,689,343	3.5	11
Cucumbers (Fresh & Processing)	125,303	422,261	29.7	1
Peanuts	88,256	1,051,658	8.4	4
Aquaculture	61,951	1,267,783	4.9	6
Squash	52,788	204,283	25.8	1
Hay	52,475	7,402,735	0.7	34
Tangerines	52,422	202,017	25.9	1
Blueberries	51,940	592,402	8.8	5
Cabbage (Fresh Market)	46,305	367,608	12.6	3
Cotton	42,097	5,684,221	0.7	14
Mushrooms	52,420	958,929	5.5	5

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CASH RECEIPTS, 2008



## FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

Florida had 47,500 commercial farms in 2009, using a total of 9,250,000 acres. There were 5,300 farms with sales exceeding \$100,000. The average farm size was 195 acres. The number of farms in Florida has increased by 3,500 over the past 10 years. Florida ranks 20<sup>th</sup> among all States in number of farms and tied at 30<sup>th</sup> in land in farms.

### FLORIDA FARMS AND ACREAGE

By year and by economic sales class

Year	Number of farms				Total acres				Average farm size
	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	
					<i>1,000 acres</i>				<i>Acres</i>
2000	44,000	27,800	11,000	5,200	10,400	1,750	2,350	6,300	236.4
2001	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2002	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2003	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,040	1,600	2,300	6,140	228.0
2004	43,200	27,000	10,700	5,500	9,830	1,600	2,100	6,130	228.0
2005	42,000	26,000	10,600	5,400	9,570	1,500	2,000	6,070	228.0
2006	41,000	24,700	10,600	5,700	9,460	1,400	2,000	6,060	231.0
2007	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,300	1,400	2,000	5,900	196.0
2008	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,250	1,400	1,950	5,900	195.0
2009	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,250	1,400	1,950	5,900	195.0

### LEADING STATES

Number of farms – 2009

State	Number of farms	Total acres in farms	Average size of farm
			<i>Acres</i>
Texas	247,500	130,000	527
Missouri	108,000	29,100	269
Iowa	92,600	30,800	333
Oklahoma	86,500	35,100	406
Kentucky	85,500	14,000	164
California	81,500	25,400	312
Minnesota	81,000	26,900	332
Tennessee	78,700	10,900	139
Wisconsin	78,000	15,200	195
Illinois	75,800	26,700	352

## FLORIDA HIRED FARM WORKERS

Date	Combined Farmers & Agricultural Services	Hired by Farmers	Hired by Agricultural Services
<b>2010</b>			
April 11-17	56,000	50,000	6,000
January 10-16	55,000	48,000	7,000
<b>2009</b>			
October 11-17	49,000	46,000	3,000
July 12-18	38,000	36,000	2,000
April 12-18	53,000	46,000	7,000
January 11-17	47,000	38,000	9,000
<b>2008</b>			
October 12-18	41,000	38,000	3,000
July 6-12	44,000	42,000	2,000
April 6-12	59,000	51,000	8,000
January 6-12	58,000	49,000	9,000
<b>2007</b>			
October 7-13	47,000	43,000	4,000
July 8-14	43,000	41,000	2,000
April 8-14	63,000	55,000	8,000
January 7-13 <sup>1/</sup>			

## WAGES PAID BY TYPE OF WORK <sup>2/</sup>

Date	All	Field	Livestock
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>		
<b>2010</b>			
April 11-17	10.22	9.10	10.00
January 10-16	10.84	9.60	10.35
<b>2009</b>			
October 11-17	10.65	9.30	10.10
July 12-18	10.51	9.14	9.50
April 12-18	10.33	9.15	9.35
January 11-17	10.16	8.95	9.45
<b>2008</b>			
October 12-18	10.09	8.90	9.30
July 6-12	9.90	8.84	9.25
April 6-12	10.25	9.32	9.59
January 6-12	9.98	9.00	9.20
<b>2007</b>			
October 7-13	9.76	8.70	8.95
July 8-14	9.49	8.50	8.60
April 8-14	10.01	9.20	9.00
January 7-13 <sup>1/</sup>			

<sup>1/</sup> Due to budget constraints, NASS did not conduct the January Agricultural Labor Survey, which provides the data for the report. See the Federal Register, Feb. 7, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 25, page 5675 [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/fed\\_register\\_notice.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/fed_register_notice.pdf), for more information.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

## FLORIDA – VALUE ADDED TO THE U.S. ECONOMY BY THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR VIA THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, 2006-2008

ITEM <sup>1/</sup>	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand dollars</i>		
Value of crop production	5,998,456	6,563,588	6,595,238
Value of livestock production	1,368,205	1,366,707	1,376,760
Revenues from services and forestry	720,148	681,988	646,179
Value of agricultural sector production	8,086,808	8,612,283	8,618,177
less: Purchased inputs	3,410,568	4,408,567	4,579,397
Farm origin	914,747	916,133	1,029,005
Manufactured inputs	917,929	1,200,992	1,188,502
Other purchased inputs	1,577,892	2,291,442	2,361,890
plus: Net government transactions	-26,735	-85,032	-45,272
+ Direct Government payments	140,713	123,455	159,403
- Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees	7,448	8,487	8,899
- Property taxes	160,000	200,000	195,776
Gross value added	4,649,505	4,118,683	3,993,508
less: Capital consumption	395,755	398,234	415,300
Net value added	4,253,750	3,720,449	3,578,208
Less: Payments to stakeholders	1,742,164	1,723,797	1,837,179
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	1,297,614	1,275,457	1,413,763
Net rent received by Non-operator landlords	53,593	41,049	31,315
Real estate and Non-real estate interest	390,957	407,291	392,101
<b>NET FARM INCOME</b>	<b>2,511,586</b>	<b>1,996,652</b>	<b>1,741,029</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Value of agricultural sector production is the gross value of the commodities and services produced within a year. Net value-added is the sector's contribution to the National economy and is the sum of the income from production earned by all factors-of-production, regardless of ownership. Net farm income is the farm operators' share of income from the sector's production activities. The concept presented is consistent with that employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### LEADING STATES IN NET FARM INCOME, 2008

State	Net Farm Income
	<i>Million dollars</i>
1. California	7,876.8
2. Iowa	7,026.0
3. Minnesota	5,836.4
4. Illinois	5,333.2
5. Nebraska	4,026.4
6. Kansas	3,683.7
7. Texas	3,218.2
8. Indiana	3,172.4
9. Arkansas	3,091.1
10. South Dakota	3,058.4
<b>20. Florida</b>	<b>1,741.0</b>